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TAGS: PDIP (MANSOUR, GAMAL EL-DIN)

SUBJ: TRANSFER OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR GAMAL EL-DIN MANSOUR

1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR GAMAL EL-DIN MANSOUR CALLED ON ME FEB 25 TO ADVISE THAT HE IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO CAIRO WITHIN ONE MONTH TO TAKE OVER ONE OF THREE FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARYSHIPS. HE HAS NOT YET BEEN TOLD WHICH.

2. AMBASSADOR MANSOUR ARRIVED IN CYPRUS IN SEPTEMBER 1973, HAVING PREVIOUSLY SERVED, IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, IN NEW DELHI, BONN, AND LEOPOLDVILLE. IN MY SIX MONTHS HERE, I HAVE COME TO HAVE VERY HIGH REGARD FOR HIM. I KNOW THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION AND THE GOC. HE KEEPS HIMSELF WELL INFORMED ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND HAS SOUGHT AND APPARENTLY ACTED UPON PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT EGYPT MIGHT BE DOING TO FURTHER A SOLUTION.

3. AMBASSADOR MANSOUR IS A COSMOPOLITAN GENTLEMAN OF THE OLD SCHOOL. HE IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN, AND GERMAN. I WOULD JUDGE HIM TO BE ABOUT 50 YEARS OLD. HIS WIFE, NADIA, IS AT LEAST 15 YEARS YOUNGER, CHARMING, ATTRACTIVE AND GAY.

4. AMBASSADOR MANSOUR HOPES THAT HIS CAIRO RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, AS HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE USE OF HIS EXPERIENCE HERE. THE MANSOURS LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSE ASSOCIA-
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TION WITH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. EILTS. GIVEN THEIR BALANCED, PRO-

WESTERN AND EVIDENTLY QUITE-PRO-AMERICAN ATTITUDE, AS WELL AS SOCIABILITY, I BELIEVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM WOULD BE BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY REWARDING.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.
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